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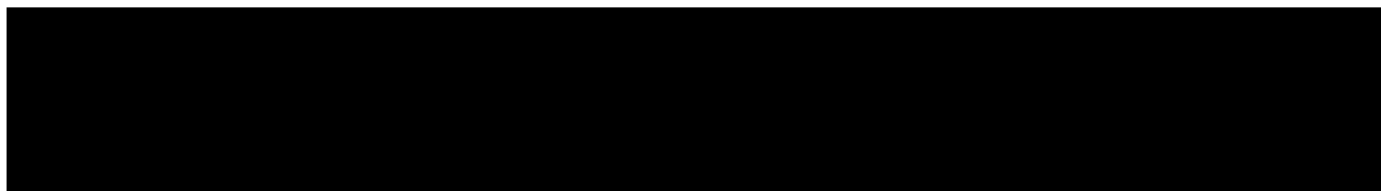
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1. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director reported on his conference at the White House with regard to legislation for communications reciprocity. He said that the President had indicated that his final decision with respect to this matter would be determined by the intelligence need, but added that since J. Edgar Hoover had made a rather effective speech against such legislation the President had deferred such decision and asked that representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of State, and the Central Intelligence Agency get together to see if they couldn't agree on the desirability---or lack of it---of having it.

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25X1C4c 2. The Director also said that he had spoken to Percy Brundage about the proposed trip of Hart Perry and Harry Wilhelm to Europe and had told him that he wanted to speak to [REDACTED] about the matter. Mr. Brundage offered no objection to his doing so.

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25X1A9a 4. I called Gordon Stewart's attention to a cable from [REDACTED] asking for immediate air transportation for a [REDACTED] and her four young children inasmuch as it was my understanding that we were not sending people to that area with small children. Later in the day he informed me that we had taken on [REDACTED] at the specific request of the Army. The FE Division recognizes its mistake, and I do not think that this will happen again.

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6. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director requested that we take immediate action to get some emergency communications into [REDACTED] I passed this on to General [REDACTED] and asked him to get in touch with [REDACTED] and make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible.

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25X1A6a 7. Kirk reported that as a result of the recent visits by representatives of his office to various installations the racial question had been raised---presumably by six members of the NAACP---at the [REDACTED] He had a meeting recently with Gordon Stewart, Shef Edwards, and [REDACTED] as well as representatives from the DD/P and DD/I areas, to discuss this situation. As a result Gordon is going to see if there aren't more professional positions into which these people can be placed. (I want to follow up on this with Shef, Gordon, and [REDACTED])

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25X1A9a 8. Had lunch with [REDACTED] to discuss a number of things. First, he wanted to know if I had any appraisal of his performance since he had been in the SE Division for approximately six months. I told him that I had heard no adverse comments and assumed that everything was all right. He said that he enjoyed working for [REDACTED] and had every reason to believe that he was getting along well.

25X1A9a With regard to [REDACTED], he recommended that I not interview him. I told him that inasmuch as both [REDACTED] and the I&R Staff had felt I should I thought that I would at least offer the man this opportunity.

25X1A9a He said that Howard Preston had been to see him recently and expressed an interest in replacing [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. Ted thought that he might be considered for [REDACTED] replacement inasmuch as it was Division policy to send people from the Division to the field. I told him that it was my intention to have Howard serve in the Division prior to going to [REDACTED] but that since he had not had an overseas tour he definitely would go ahead of him (Ted) on the priority list. Ted said he understood this and hoped that he might be considered for the tour at a later date.

He also wanted to know what his chances were of being selected to attend the Harvard School of Business Administration. I told him that frankly I was most pessimistic about this possibility. He then suggested that he be sent to Columbia or Pittsburg Universities for a similar course. I told him that this might be possible but added that if we were going to send people from the Administration Career Service to this type of course he would be competitive with all others in the Service for selection. (I do think that we should consider this possibility, however, for the Administration Career Service.)

25X1A9a 9. Norman Paul buzzed to say that [REDACTED] a Logistics employee who is probably going to be terminated for refusal to accept a directed assignment, had contacted Congressman Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) for assistance. I agreed with him that the Director probably should know about this case and said that [REDACTED] had been to see Kirk who could give him any additional information he needed.

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